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Docket: **DCAB 2001-03:** Interpretive Opinion regarding whether entry doors with a screen door are considered a door-in-series. If not, what are the ADAAG requirements for both doors?

Discussion: The Access Board does not have a definition for “two doors in a series”, nor for “alcove” (vestibule), which would exist between the two doors. When there is a latch and a closer, then maneuvering clearances are required; e.g., 18-inch minimum at the pull side/latch side of doors. Normally, screen doors are found in residences. Hotels have two doors in a series joining two adjacent guestrooms. Technically, if both doors are individually accessible, then the combination should therefore be accessible. Most door jambs are not more than 8 inches deep; adjacent column conditions may be deeper, a situation already deemed not accessible by the Access Board. The intent of the “door in a series” requirement is the avoidance of entrapment, which will probably never occur.

Clarification: This is a clarification issue not requiring an interpretive opinion ruling. If both doors are accessible, then the combination of such doors creates an accessible condition.